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SUBJ: SITREP -VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

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1. MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES - SINCE REFTEL, AN ADDITIONAL 126 VIET-NEMESE REFUGEES HAVE DEPARTED HONG KONG, MAKING A TOTAL OF 399 OF THE 3,909 REFUGEES, WHO WERE IN HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DETENTION CAMPS, HAVING BEEN RESETTLED. OF THE NEWLY-RELEASED REFUGEES, 61 WENT TO FRANCE, 55 TO CANADA, AND ONE TO THE US, WITH NINE OTHERS BEING GRANTED PERMISSION TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN HONG KONG. AN ADDITIONAL 25 ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART TODAY FOR CANADA WITH SOME 30 OR SO FOR FRANCE AND FIVE TO BELGIUM DEPARTING ON JUNE 8. THREE REFUGEES WITH RELATIVES IN TUNIS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT AND ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE WITHIN A WEEK. AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE ALSO PREPARING TO GO TO THE CAMPS TO INTERVIEW REFUGEES.

2. WE HAVE NOT YET BEGUN THE RESCREENING WHICH APPEARS TO BE REQUIRED BY STATE 124502 PENDING A REPLY TO HK 6209 WE STRONGLY URGE THAT IATF DETERMINE THAT THE INS PROCESSING, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED, IS SATISFACTORY AND THAT A NEW RESCREENING OF THE REFUGEES WILL NOT BE NECESSARY.

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3. HKG HAS INFORMED US THAT THE S.S. GLORIOUS COUNTRY (NAHA 265

AND HK 5958) IS RETURNING TO HONG KONG IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION OF
THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON BOARD SHIP AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW WE
SHOULD HANDLE THEM.

4. THE CHINESE YMCA HAS REQUESTED FUNDS (BETWEEN US \$500 AND
US \$1,000) FROM US TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING PLAY AND ATHLETIC EQUIP-
MENT FOR THE REFUGEES AT ONE OF THE CAMPS. THE YMCA WAS
APPROACHED BY THE HKG TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE FOR A CAMP WITH
1,100 REFUGEES, WHICH INCLUDE 400 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18.
IF SUCH FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE AN EXPENDI-
TURE WHICH WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND WOULD ALSO RECEIVE WIDE FAVOR-
ABLE PUBLICITY IN HONG KONG.
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